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### DICOM and the Future of Medicine

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# This presentation explores DICOM's impact on clinical medical practice – today and tomorrow

- Why do physicians work on DICOM?
- How can DICOM improve medical practice?





### **Radiology Reporting**

#### An international effort

- Led by the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA)
- Soon to include the European Society of Radiology (ESR)

#### Goals

- Improve the communication of radiology procedures
- Allow "data mining" of radiology results

### **Radiology Reporting**



- Library of "best practice" templates
  - RadReport.org
- Standard for report templates
  - Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE)
  - "Management of Radiology Report Templates" (MRRT) profile

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Specialties Organizations Languages Popular						
CA Cardiac Radiology CT Cardiac Bypass Graft · 7 more			MK	Musculoskeletal Radiology Lumbar Spine Xray · 28 more		
CH Chest Radiology MR Brachial Plexus - 17 more			NR	Neuroradiology CT Orbits · 22 more		
CT Computed Tomography CT Spine · 41 more			NM	Nuclear Medicine Bladder Reflux · 20 more		
DX Diagnostic Radiology Ankle Xray · 28 more			OB	Obstetric/Gynecologic Radiology MR Female Pelvis - 5 more	/	
ER Emergency Radiology Abdomen Series · 18 more			OI	Oncologic Imaging CT Onco Renal Mass - 21 more		
GI Gastrointestinal Radiology Abdomen Series - 30 more			PD	Pediatric Radiology US Peds Renal - 12 more		
	<b>inary Radiolog</b> enal Doppler · 23		QI	Quality Improvement IR Complications · 1 more		
HIN	N Head and Neck CT Orbits · 9 more		RS	Research CT Head and Neck Cancer Staging (ACRIN 6685) · 4		
IR	Interventional Radiology US Thoracentesis · 5 more			Ultras US Ped Vascul MR Neck · 8 more		
IVI B	MR Brachial Plexus - 35 more					

Search for reporting templates



The RSNA radiology reporting initiative is improving reporting practices by creating a library of clear and consistent report templates.

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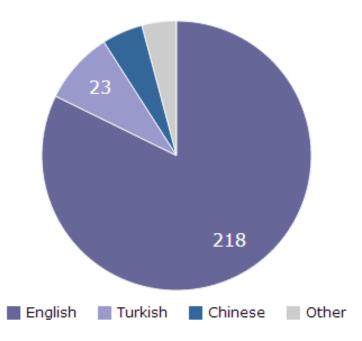
#### Radiology Reporting Initiative

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Number of Templates

265

#### Distribution by Template Language

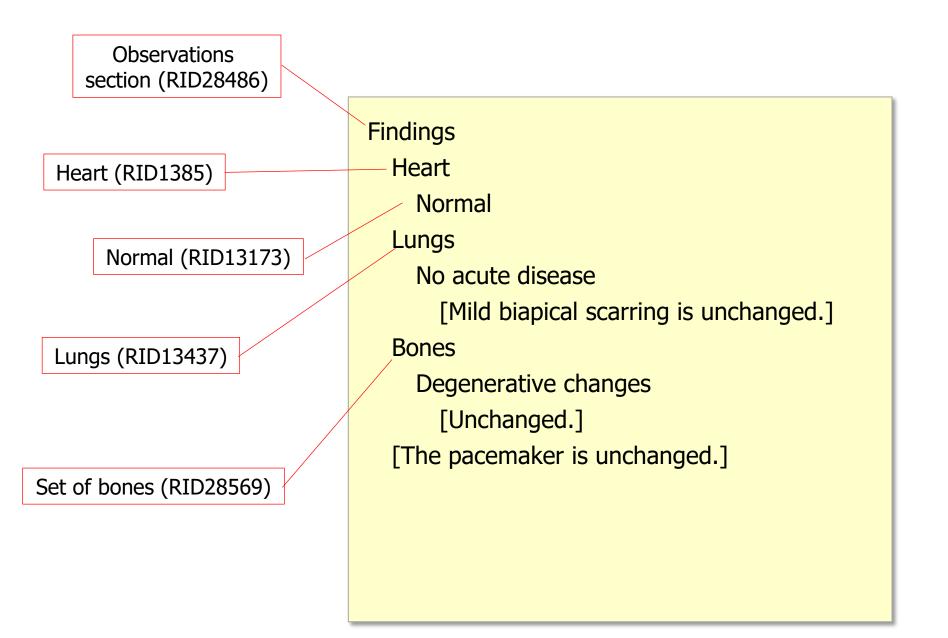


#### Number of Views / Downloads

1,319,404

#### Most Viewed Templates

- 1. Chest Xray (24,877 views)
- 2. CT Brain (19,486 views)
- 3. US Abdomen (16,619 views)
- 4. Chest Xray 2 Views (14,469 views)
- 5. MR Brain (13,050 views)
- 6. MR Knee (12,301 views)
- 7. CT Chest Pulmonary Embolism (12,287 views)
- 8. CT Chest (11,983 views)
- 9. CT Neck (11,540 views)
- 10. CT Abdomen-Pelvis (11,206 views)



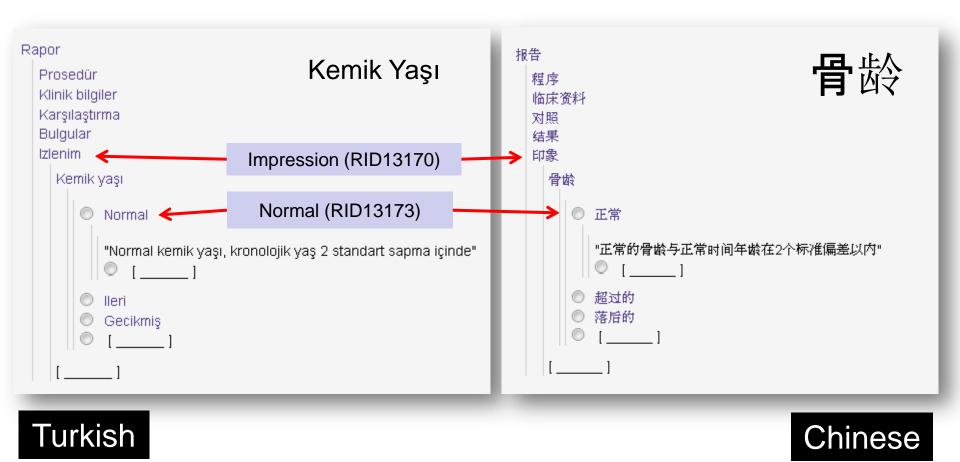
### Why Templates?



- Reduce variability of reports
  - Improve completeness
  - Encourage best practices
- Improve interoperability
- Support automation of report production
- Support validation of report content
- Promote data extraction

### "Bone Age" template





### Multiple layers of constraint



Professional Content

Specific content for specialized procedures

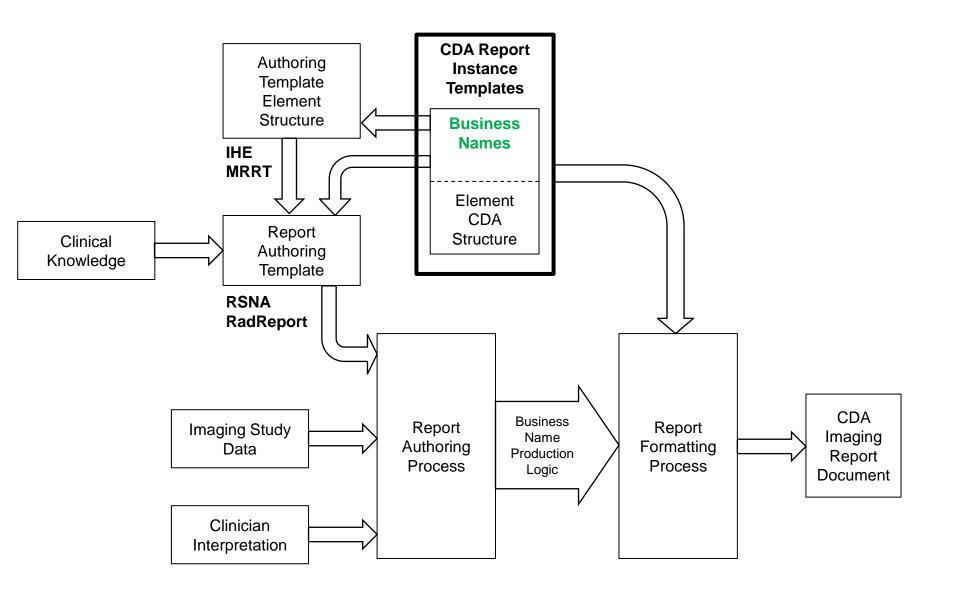
#### DICOM (Sup 155)

Additional requirements, templates, and business names for radiology reports

#### CDA r2

Refined Data Classes and structures for clinical documents

HL7 v3 RIM Abstract Data Classes v3 XML ITS Data Encoding





#### New "Work Item"

- Proposed to DICOM Standards Committee
- Assigned to Work Group 8 (Structured Reporting)
  - Harry Solomon (GE Healthcare), co-chair
  - Charles Kahn (ACR), co-chair



#### **DICOM Supplement 155**

- Defines how radiology reports are exported into HL7 Clinical Document Architecture (CDA)
- CDA provides a universal format for clinical results
  - Integrates radiology results with entire health record
  - Allows "data mining" for research and quality improvement



#### Why do physicians work on DICOM?

- Technical expertise
- Advocacy and communication with physician communities
- Contribution to international effort



# How can DICOM improve medical practice?

- Standards foster competition to create better products
- DICOM helps advance the worldwide adoption of new medical imaging technology

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